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Bob,

As you are aware, the LWG recently submitted general responses to EPA's non-directed comments on the draft RI and Baseline Risk Assessment Reports. These general responses were discussed during an all-day meeting on October 15, 2010. EPA believes that we made substantial progress during the meeting towards resolving our non-directed comments.

Based on our telephone conversation with Jim McKenna today regarding the October 18, 2010 deadline for submission of the revised RI and Baseline Risk Assessment Reports, EPA believes that it will be beneficial to allow additional time to resolve EPA comments and understand clearly how those comments will be addressed in the revised RI and Baseline Risk Assessment Reports. As a result, EPA is granting an "interim" extension of 30 days to finalize the LWG's comment response. EPA expects that by the end of the 30 day extension, all comments will be resolved, and that resolution documented, to EPA's satisfaction.

EPA acknowledges that our comments on the draft RI and Baseline Risk Assessment Reports were extensive and that the LWG will need additional time to provide a red-line version of the revised RI and Baseline Risk Assessment Reports and a detailed response to comments. EPA will provide a revised deadline for submission of the revised RI and Baseline Risk Assessment Reports by the end of this interim extension period.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Chip

